

Frequently Asked Questions:

City of Lincoln Council
Elections

4 May 2023

Electoral Registration

Issue/question	Answer
Am I registered to vote?	<p>The Council's Customer Services Team can check for you on (01522) 873255.</p> <p>Alternatively, please email electoral@lincoln.gov.uk</p>
How do I register to vote?	<p>You can apply to register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote</p> <p>The deadline for registration applications is midnight, 17 April 2023.</p> <p>You can register to vote if you are age 16 or over, however you cannot vote until you reach the age of 18.</p>
Am I eligible to vote?	<p>You can only vote if you are registered. You can vote at this election if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - you are 18 or over by the day of the election - you hold British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizenship - you hold EU citizenship (other than the Republic of Ireland, Malta or Cyprus) <p>For further details regarding registration, you can visit the Electoral Commission website at:</p> <p>www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter</p>
If I pay Council Tax, am I automatically registered?	<p>No. Electoral registration is a separate process performed by your local Electoral Registration Officer. The law does not allow names to be automatically added to the electoral register from Council Tax records.</p>
I'm a student and I'm not sure where I should register to vote.	<p>Students may be entitled to register at both their home address and their college/university (term time) address.</p> <p>Where you are registered in two different local authorities, you can vote in both sets of local elections if the elections are for different councils.</p> <p>It is an offence to vote more than once in a national election, such as a UK Parliamentary General Election.</p>
Do I need to take photo ID to enable me to vote?	<p>Yes, photo ID is now required to vote in person or by proxy at the polling station. Out of date photo ID can be used at the polling station if the picture is still of likeness.</p>

	<p>The following webpage provides you with a list of acceptable forms of photo ID (https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/voting-elections/voter-id-requirements).</p> <p>If you don't have an acceptable photo ID from the list mentioned above, you can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate via https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate</p> <p>Your application for a Voter Authority Certificate must be received by 5pm on 25 April 2023.</p>
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Postal and Proxy Voting

Issue/question	Answer
Who can apply for a postal vote?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who is registered to vote. • You can download postal forms from: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter or submit a request via the Council's Customer Services Team on (01522) 873255 or email electoral@lincoln.gov.uk.
What is the deadline for applying for a postal vote for the forthcoming elections?	Your application to vote by post must be received by 5pm on 18 April 2023 .
What if I have missed the postal vote deadline?	<p>You may be able to apply for a proxy vote up until 5pm on 25 April 2023 if you can't attend the polling station.</p> <p>You can download proxy forms from www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter or submit a request via the Council's Customer Services Team on (01522) 873255 or email electoral@lincoln.gov.uk.</p>
Who can apply for a proxy vote?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who is registered to vote can apply to vote by proxy. • Your chosen proxy (i.e. the person voting on your behalf) must also be registered to vote in this country
What if I have missed the deadline for proxy vote?	<p>In certain circumstances, where you have an emergency that means you can't vote in person, you can apply for an emergency proxy.</p> <p>This must be something that you weren't aware of before the normal proxy vote deadline (5pm on 25 April 2023).</p>

	<p>The deadline for emergency proxy applications is 5pm on 4 May 2023.</p> <p>Applications for emergency proxy can be made for: emergency work matters and emergency medical reasons. This form will need to be attested by the appropriate person, outlined in the application.</p> <p>Applications for emergency proxy can also be made if: the form of accepted photographic identification that you were intending to use to vote has been lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, or has not yet been received if applied for recently.</p> <p>You can download proxy forms from: www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter or submit a request via the Council's Customer Services Team on (01522) 873255 or email electoral@lincoln.gov.uk.</p>
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How/Where to vote

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Date of elections	4 May 2023 (polling hours: 7am to 10pm).
How do I find out where my polling station is?	<p>Your poll card details the location of your polling station.</p> <p>You can also use the following link and insert your postcode, which will confirm where your polling station is:</p> <p>https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/v/find-polling-station</p> <p>Alternatively please contact the Council's Customer Services Team on (01522) 873255 or email electoral@lincoln.gov.uk.</p>
What methods of voting are there?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In person at the polling station - By post - By proxy
How do I fill in the ballot paper	<p>Information will be provided by staff at the polling station or, if you opted to vote by post, instructions will be in your postal pack.</p> <p>There will be instructions on the top of the ballot paper which you should read.</p>
Does my polling station meet my	To find out if your polling station meets your accessibility requirements, please complete the form on the following

accessibility requirements?	webpage https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/voting-elections/voter-id-requirements .
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Details of Candidates

Who is standing in the elections?	The Statement of Persons Nominated will be available to view at the Council offices from 4pm on 5 April 2023. It will also be published on the City Council's website: https://www.lincoln.gov.uk/voting-elections
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